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DATE: 5/26/83

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, Charlotte

ATTENTION: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

- 1.  initial submission \_\_\_\_\_ supplemental submission \_\_\_\_\_ revision
- 2. File No: 44A-4155 (include alpha)
- 3. Status: P (P - pending, P\* - pending inactive, C - closed, RUC - referred upon completion)

4. Title: VIRGIL GRIFFIN;  
EDWARD DAWSON;



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(PHONETIC);  
UNKNOWN VICTIMS, MEMBERS OF KU KLUX KLAN, N. C.

Re: CIVIL RIGHTS  
OO: CHARLOTTE

5. If Title changed, show previous Title:

6. TYPE OF CASE: (check one)

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| B. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency      | G. <input type="checkbox"/> State Police - Hwy Patrol    |
| C. <input type="checkbox"/> Police Department   | H. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Klan type) |
| D. <input type="checkbox"/> Prison/Penitentiary | I. <input type="checkbox"/> Not pertinent                |
| E. <input type="checkbox"/> Private Security    |  |

8. AGENCY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (20) STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ (use 2-char. abbrev.)  
(omit if "Not pertinent" checked above):

9. ACTION: UACB;

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|                       | B. <input type="checkbox"/> LHM being submitted | D. <input type="checkbox"/> Report being submitted | F. <input type="checkbox"/> FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)     |

10. Further action: A.  investigation instituted  
B.  investigation continuing  
C.  investigation completed

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11. Copy of above submitted to: (check as many as applicable)

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5 - Charlotte (4 - 44A-4155)  
(1 - 44A-3527, GREENKIL)

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**I. PURPOSE**

The FD-610 was designed to provide a complete set of pertinent facts for each Civil Rights case which can then be directly entered into a computer which will assist in a more effective, efficient and economical management of the Civil Rights Program. Each office **MUST** correctly complete **ALL** items requested on the form either on the initial submission or later by supplemental submission prior to the close of the case.

**II. WHEN TO SUBMIT**

The FD-610 is to be submitted in all cases supervised by the Civil Rights Unit, which include the following classifications: 44-CR; 50-ISS; 173-CRA 1964; 177-DIH; 187-Privacy Act of 1974-Criminal; 189-EOA; 204-FRS; 214-CRIPA.

One function of the FD-610 is to replace the FD-365 in Civil Rights cases. It should be, in most cases, the initial communication advising FBIHQ of the initiation of an investigation, however, if the urgency of the situation requires a teletype the FD-610 should be submitted as soon as possible.

**III. DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS REGARDING ITEM #1 ON THE FD-610**

- Initial -** should be checked if it is the first FD-610 submitted in the case - every attempt should be made to provide all the information required on the form on the initial submission; however, the initial submission of the form should not be held in abeyance while awaiting data which will be obtained at a later date.
- Supplemental -** should be checked when providing data which was not available, and therefore was omitted from the FD-610 form(s) previously submitted.
- Revision -** should be checked in all instances wherein information previously provided by form FD-610 was incorrectly reported. When submitting revisions, provide data only in those items requiring a change.

**IV. \*Denotes items on the FD-610 which must be completed on the initial submission by the Field Office.**

Victim UNKNOWN VICTIMS, MEMBERS OF  
KU KLUX KLAN, N. C.

12. SUBJECTS (number):
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| A. _____ Amer. Indian | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| B. _____ Asian        | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| C. _____ Black        | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| D. _____ Hispanic     | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| E. <u>8</u> White     | <u>8</u> Male | _____ Female |
| F. _____ Other        | _____ Male    | _____ Female |

If "Other" please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ (15)

13. VICTIMS (number):
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| A. _____ Amer. Indian | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| B. _____ Asian        | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| C. _____ Black        | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| D. _____ Hispanic     | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| E. <u>3</u> White     | <u>3</u> Male | _____ Female |
| F. _____ Other        | _____ Male    | _____ Female |

If "Other" please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ (15)

14. Other descriptive data re victims: \_\_\_\_\_ not applicable

If applicable (number):

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| A. _____ under 18 | C. _____ handicapped       |
| B. _____ over 62  | D. _____ institutionalized |

15. Matter type (use best description, check more than one if applicable):

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| A. <input type="checkbox"/> brutality                       | type _____            | (15) (i.e., shooting; beating)                        |
| B. <input type="checkbox"/> nonbrutality                    |                       |   |
| C. <input type="checkbox"/> death of victim                 |                       |   |
| D. <input type="checkbox"/> suicide                         | method _____          | (15) (i.e., hanging, slashed wrist)                   |
| E. <input type="checkbox"/> known extremist group           | type _____            | (15) (i.e., Klan, Nazi, JDL)                          |
| F. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> suspected ext. group | type <u>Klan type</u> | (15) (i.e., Klan, Nazi, JDL)                          |
| G. <input type="checkbox"/> cross burning                   |                       |   |
| H. <input type="checkbox"/> migrant victim                  |                       |   |
| I. <input type="checkbox"/> violence to property            | type _____            | (15) (i.e., arson, shooting)                          |
| J. <input type="checkbox"/> ISS matter                      | type _____            | (i.e., peonage, enticement, servitude, other slavery) |
| K. <input type="checkbox"/> other                           | explain _____         | (25)  |

- \*16. Synopsis of Complaint - Date of initial complaint \_\_\_\_\_

(See attached pages)

- \*17. Indices: (check one)  negative  positive (if positive explain in body of report/LHM)

Remarks/Administrative

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PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
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- SECRET
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

CE 44A-4155

Synopsis of Complaint:

On 3/25/83 District Attorney [redacted] Newton, N. C., (a former Special Agent assigned to the Hickory, N. C. Resident Agency), made available a letter sent to him by one [redacted] an inmate at [redacted] N. C. Department of Correction (NDC) [redacted] N. C., in which [redacted] referred to 3 killings of Ku Klux Klan members in North Carolina during 1975 and 1976 committed by other Ku Klux Klan members. His letter alleged the killings were done by [redacted] and VIRGIL GRIFFIN. The victims were allegedly Klansmen suspected of being FBI informants who received a Klan trial and were executed by the Klan.

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This matter was initially handled under the GREENKIL investigation (CE file 44A-3527, Bufile 44-81521), as VIRGIL GRIFFIN and [redacted] are subjects in the GREENKIL case and are currently under indictment in the Middle District of N. C., under Civil Rights statutes for the unlawful killing of 5 members of the Communist Workers Party (CWP) in Greensboro, N. C. on 11/3/79.

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On 5/19/83 [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] NDC, where he is incarcerated after conviction [redacted]. He provided more details about the alleged Klan killings and added the names of EDDIE DAWSON (also currently under indictment for the 11/3/79 killings in Greensboro), plus [redacted] (Phonetic), [redacted] and [redacted] as being present during one or all of the 3 Klan trials and killings.

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A copy of the FD-302 interview with [redacted] is attached hereto.

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Charlotte files indicate [redacted] signed a letter dated 11/22/78 along with other inmates from [redacted] addressed to FBIHQ, in which the inmates complained about the conditions at the prison, (CE file 44-0-440).

Charlotte files indicate [redacted]

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[redacted] was included in Charlotte letterhead memorandum dated 6/29/76 captioned "UNSUBS, [redacted] NDC, [redacted] N. C.; [redacted] - VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS" (CE file 44-0-F-12C).

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Synopsis of Complaint (Continued):

Charlotte files indicate that [redacted] wrote to the Raleigh Resident Agency, FBI, and proposed to help solve a number of crimes in exchange for an FBI investigatin of the case for which he was convicted and sentenced. Records at [redacted] indicate [redacted] male, DOB [redacted] is serving a [redacted] sentence for conviction in [redacted] N. C., for [redacted].

For the past [redacted] years, [redacted] was interviewed [redacted] on 4/14/83. He rambled at length concerning improprieties by prosecutors and law enforcement officers in [redacted]. He proposed to solve a number of unsolved murders and robberies in the [redacted] area, some of which he alleged were committed by Klansmen. He advised he would furnish no further information unless the FBI investigated the prosecutors and law enforcement officers involved in his case. He demanded that in exchange for his information he be transferred to a Federal prison to serve out the balance of his sentence, and that he be placed under the Federal Witness Protection Program. [redacted] was advised that the interviewing Agent could not offer him any such deal and [redacted] refused to furnish any further details. (This information recorded in Charlotte file 62-B-4483).

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The information provided by [redacted] obviously has to be considered in light of the GREENKIL matter. Charlotte is not in possession of any information which could destroy the credibility of [redacted] but this office realizes that caution must be used before Charlotte actively conducts any interviews of individuals [redacted].

[redacted] Therefore, Charlotte will limit its investigation to the following contacts, and will not institute these contacts until after 6/6/83, UACB.

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- (1) Contact District Attorney and former SA [redacted] and discuss with him the information furnished by [redacted] in his interview. Former SA [redacted] is familiar with the locations mentioned by [redacted] and may be of assistance through his personal recollections of Klan activity investigated by the Hickory RA. SA [redacted] may be able to furnish impressions on the overall credibility of the [redacted] information.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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ADMINISTRATIVE: (Continued)

(2) Will discreetly discuss [redacted] allegations with trusted North Carolina law enforcement officials in the areas of Newton, Bethlehem, Apex, Morganton, Graham, Greensboro and Alamance County, to determine if the information about three alleged Klan killings has any basis in fact or any credibility with local law enforcement.

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NOTE:

[redacted] alleged that the last of the three killings occurred in June or July 1976. Above Charlotte file reviews indicate that [redacted]

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REQUEST OF BUREAU:

Bureau is requested to provide Attorneys for Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, handling the GREENKIL matter, with a copy of [redacted] FD-302. Department of Justice should be advised that Charlotte has opened a separate Civil Rights investigation on [redacted] allegations but will not do any investigation, other than the leads described above, without concurrence and approval of Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

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DATE 6-12-84 BY SL2/TDL/a

[redacted] was contacted in the presence of Sergeant [redacted] North Carolina Department of Correction (NCDC), [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview and immediately was furnished an Advice of Rights, Warning and Waiver Form, which he read, indicated he understood and signed.

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[redacted] stated he wished to furnish information regarding a letter he had written and he had no objection to Sergeant [redacted] of the North Carolina Department of Correction being present during that interview.

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[redacted] advised he wrote a letter to Mr. [redacted] a District Attorney at Newton, North Carolina, and after examining a copy of a letter, he advised this was his letter.

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[redacted] advised during the year [redacted] he joined the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) at [redacted] North Carolina. He advised the head of the Klan at that time or the Grand Dragon was VIRGIL GRIFFIN. After joining, [redacted] of his chapter and during the early part of [redacted] VIRGIL GRIFFIN came to that chapter and held a special meeting. Three members of [redacted] group and three members each from other groups were chosen to form a special squad. [redacted]

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[redacted] These people were chosen by VIRGIL GRIFFIN and EDDIE DAWSON, who was from Greensboro, North Carolina. This special squad was to weed out all informants who informed for the FBI, the police and other organizations. [redacted] stated when one was suspected, the Klan would hold a special trial and the accused could have a representative from their own Klan group to give his side of the story.

[redacted] recalled they had three trials while he was in the Klan at which he was present, indicating he was in the Klan until just after [redacted] advised the first trial was in about August, 1975 [redacted] however, he did not recall the name of the person tried. He stated the man was from the Apex, North Carolina, Klavern, and he recalled VIRGIL GRIFFIN brought the charges against this man himself. He described the victim as follows:

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Investigation on 5/19/83 at [redacted] N.C. File # CE 44A-4155  
by SA [redacted] :egp Date dictated 5/23/83

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Height: 6 feet 2 inches  
 Hair: Blond  
 Tattoos: Tattoo of skull on left upper forearm.

This individual was accused of being an FBI informant and he was found guilty and was sentenced to death. [redacted] stated the same night, this man was taken approximately 300 yards from the place where he was tried in Graham, North Carolina. The Klan owned a house and some land in Graham, North Carolina, approximately ten acres. [redacted] advised the accused informant was shot with a shotgun once in the face. This was done so if the body was ever discovered, authorities would not be able to identify the individual through dental charts. [redacted] stated this individual's body was stripped clean and buried at the place he was shot. He recalled it was sort of marshy and swampy and all the identification this individual had was burned. [redacted] stated after that, everyone went home. He recalled that present at this particular trial and killing were:

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VIRGIL GRIFFIN

[redacted]  
 [redacted] North Carolina

[redacted] (Phonetic)  
 [redacted] North Carolina

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EDDIE DAWSON  
 Greensboro, North Carolina

[redacted]  
 [redacted] North Carolina

[redacted] stated there were approximately another 15 to 20 people there, however, he did not know any of them.

[redacted] advised the second trial was in about August, 1975. At this time another unknown victim was tried. [redacted] stated he did not hear the trial inasmuch as [redacted]

[redacted] on this particular trial. He stated this trial was held at Greensboro, North Carolina, at a big warehouse; however, [redacted] did not recall the location. He stated this was the first and only time he had ever been there and he only saw the victim after the victim was dead. [redacted] stated [redacted]

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[redacted] this victim who was about 5 feet 10 inches, brown hair, dark eyes, no tattoos. [redacted] advised this individual from the best

he could recall was from Greensboro, North Carolina; however, he did not know anything further about him. [redacted] stated this individual was buried approximately one half mile from the warehouse in a big field that looked like a cornfield. He advised this individual was shot in the face with a shotgun one shot, and reiterated he had no idea where this was because it was dark [redacted]. He recalled present at this time were [redacted] VIRGIL GRIFFIN, [redacted] (phonetic), EDDIE DAWSON, [redacted]. He advised there were two others with EDDIE DAWSON, however, he did not know their names.

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[redacted] advised the third such trial and execution occurred in [redacted] North Carolina, in about June or July, 1976. He stated a man was brought down from Morganton, North Carolina, and again he did not know this individual's name. He stated the trial was held at [redacted] North Carolina, which was [redacted] stated

[redacted] who was also a Klansman and who was present the night of the trial there. [redacted] advised [redacted] however, he thought that [redacted] was at the trial and this victim was likewise found guilty and shot. [redacted] advised this individual was taken to the Henry River in Burke County to the "tailrace" near the old cotton mill. [redacted] stated he was present when this victim was shot and again this individual was shot in the face one time. [redacted] stated this individual was buried between the "tailrace" and where the old bridge use to be which was torn down in the 1960's. [redacted] stated it is extremely brushy and when it rains hard, the river rises up over it. [redacted] advised he could find the spot again and that when this individual was buried, they put rocks on top of him, then dirt and then pulled a log across the grave. [redacted] stated only five individuals were at this trial and killing. They were:

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[redacted]

[redacted]

Who actually did the shooting

VIRGIL GRIFFIN

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[redacted] (phonetic)  
[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stated either [redacted] or VIRGIL GRIFFIN pulled the trigger on these three people. [redacted] stated the pastor where he was going to church had advised him he should get out of the Klan. [redacted] advised he did not tell the pastor about the killings. [redacted] stated with regard to the killings, the individuals on the special squad took an oath never to talk about it; however, [redacted] said he wanted to get it over with.

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[redacted] recalled there was something in the newspaper about the man from Morganton, North Carolina, being missing and he thought this was in the Hickory Daily Record sometime in June, July, or August, 1976. [redacted] advised he thought they had this individual's picture in the paper, and from what he recalled, it was the individual who had been killed. [redacted] advised he just glanced at the article and he did not recall the victim's name or anything else about it.

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[redacted] advised with regard to the Greensboro Massacres where the Klan killed CWP members, he could recall as far back as 1976, VIRGIL GRIFFIN and EDDIE DAWSON taking Klan members around and showing them the places where the Black Panthers and the Communist Party had their buildings, etc. [redacted] stated this was in Greensboro, North Carolina, and there was trouble brewing between the Klan and the Black Panther Party and the CWP types back that far. [redacted] stated there was no specific conspiracy to do anything with regard to the Black Panther Party or the CWP; however, it was obvious that the Klan was watching them and did not like them.

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[redacted] advised with regard to the killings in Greensboro and Graham, North Carolina, the first trial and killings mentioned above, he had no idea where these people were buried; however, he reiterated that the one on the Henry River was near where he was from and he could probably help to find that individual providing the log is still there.

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The following was obtained from observation and interview:

Name:  
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Sex:  
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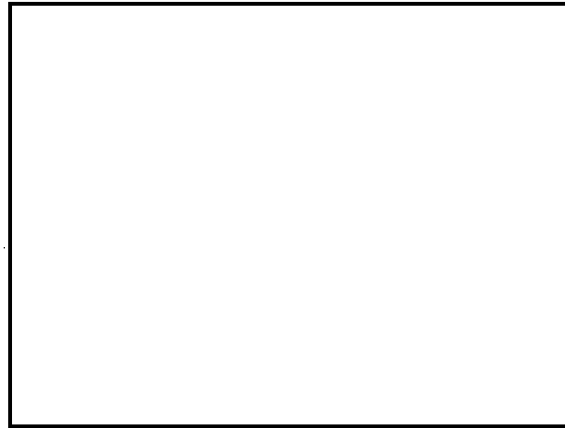
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Memorandum



WBR:LKD:MDJ:bbg  
DJ 144-54M-351

Subject: Virgil Griffin; Edward Dawson; [redacted]  
[redacted] (Phonetic) - Subjects; Unknown  
Victims, Members of Ku Klux Klan, N.C.  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Date

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~~FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~

To: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: WBR/DFR  
Mr. Bradford Reynolds  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

Reference is made to your memorandum dated June 2, 1983, enclosing a copy of a communication dated May 26, 1983 at Charlotte.

Please conduct the following additional investigation:

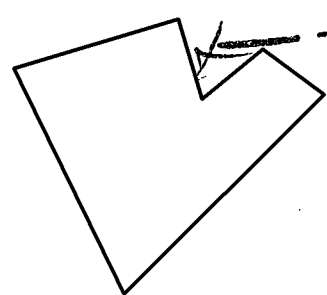
In addition to the two investigative leads which your communication indicates will be pursued, locate the news article and photograph referred to on p.4 of [redacted] 302.

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FROM: Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Hatfield

TO: SAC, Charlotte (44A-4155)

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Re Charlotte airtel to FBI dated 5/26/83.

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated

June 20, 1983.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 44 Manual of Investigative Operations and Guidelines, and surep within 21 workdays of the receipt of this communication.

Advise  all persons interviewed

appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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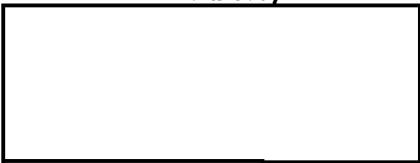
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7. AGENCY TYPE: (check one)

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|---|--|
| A. <input type="checkbox"/> City-County Jail    | F. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff's Office             |
| B. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency      | G. <input type="checkbox"/> State Police - Hwy Patrol    |
| C. <input type="checkbox"/> Police Department   | H. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Klan-type) |
| D. <input type="checkbox"/> Prison/Penitentiary | I. <input type="checkbox"/> Not pertinent                |
| E. <input type="checkbox"/> Private Security    |  |

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8. AGENCY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (20) STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ (use 2-char. abbrev.)  
(omit if "Not pertinent" checked above):

\* 9. ACTION: UACB;

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| (check if applicable) | A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LHM enclosed | C. <input type="checkbox"/> Report enclosed        | E. <input type="checkbox"/> No further action being taken |
|                       | B. <input type="checkbox"/> LHM being submitted     | D. <input type="checkbox"/> Report being submitted | F. <input type="checkbox"/> FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)     |

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\* 10. Further action: A.  investigation instituted  
B.  investigation continuing  
C.  investigation completed

11. Copy of above submitted to: (check as many as applicable)

- A.  USA, Asheville, N. C., & Greensboro, N. C.
- B.  Secret Service
- C.  BATF
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (other - specify)

2-Bureau (Encs. 4) *ENCLOSURE*  
2-Charlotte (1-44A-4155)  
(1-44A-3527) (GREENKIL)

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Enclosures



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**I. PURPOSE**

The FD-610 was designed to provide a complete set of pertinent facts for each Civil Rights case which can then be directly entered into a computer which will assist in a more effective, efficient and economical management of the Civil Rights Program. Each office **MUST** correctly complete **ALL** items requested on the form either on the initial submission or later by supplemental submission prior to the close of the case.

**II. WHEN TO SUBMIT**

The FD-610 is to be submitted in all cases supervised by the Civil Rights Unit, which include the following classifications: 44-CR; 50-ISS; 173-CRA 1964; 177-DIH; 187-Privacy Act of 1974-Criminal; 189-ECOA; 204-FRS; 214-CRIPA.

One function of the FD-610 is to replace the FD-365 in Civil Rights cases. It should be, in most cases, the initial communication advising FBIHQ of the initiation of an investigation, however, if the urgency of the situation requires a teletype the FD-610 should be submitted as soon as possible.

**III. DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS REGARDING ITEM #1 ON THE FD-610**

- Initial -** should be checked if it is the first FD-610 submitted in the case - every attempt should be made to provide all the information required on the form on the initial submission; however, the initial submission of the form should not be held in abeyance while awaiting data which will be obtained at a later date.
- Supplemental -** should be checked when providing data which was not available, and therefore was omitted from the FD-610 form(s) previously submitted.
- Revision -** should be checked in all instances wherein information previously provided by form FD-610 was incorrectly reported. When submitting revisions, provide data only in those items requiring a change.

**IV. \*Denotes items on the FD-610 which must be completed on the initial submission by the Field Office.**

Victim UNKNOWN VICTIMS,  
MEMBERS OF KU KLUX KLAN,  
N. C.

12. SUBJECTS (number):
- |                       |               |              |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| A. _____ Amer. Indian | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| B. _____ Asian        | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| C. _____ Black        | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| D. _____ Hispanic     | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| E. <u>8</u> White     | <u>8</u> Male | _____ Female |
| F. _____ Other        | _____ Male    | _____ Female |

If "Other" please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ (15)

13. VICTIMS (number):
- |                       |               |              |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| A. _____ Amer. Indian | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| B. _____ Asian        | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| C. _____ Black        | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| D. _____ Hispanic     | _____ Male    | _____ Female |
| E. <u>3</u> White     | <u>3</u> Male | _____ Female |
| F. _____ Other        | _____ Male    | _____ Female |

If "Other" please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ (15)

14. Other descriptive data re victims: \_\_\_\_\_ not applicable

If applicable (number):

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| A. _____ under 18 | C. _____ handicapped       |
| B. _____ over 62  | D. _____ institutionalized |

15. Matter type (use best description, check more than one if applicable):

- A.  brutality type \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (i.e., shooting; beating)
- B.  nonbrutality
- C.  death of victim
- D.  suicide method \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (i.e., hanging, slashed wrist)
- E.  known extremist group type \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (i.e., Klan, Nazi, JDL)
- F.  suspected ext. group type Klan type (15) (i.e., Klan, Nazi, JDL)
- G.  cross burning
- H.  migrant victim
- I.  violence to property type \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (i.e., arson, shooting)
- J.  ISS matter type \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., peonage, enticement, servitude, other slavery)
- K.  other explain \_\_\_\_\_ (25)

- \*16. Synopsis of Complaint - Date of initial complaint \_\_\_\_\_

On 5/19/83, [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] North Carolina Department of Correction, where he is incarcerated [redacted] provided details regarding alleged Klan killings.

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On 6/6/83, Sheriff TOM BEBBER, Alexander County Sheriff's Office, Taylorsville, N. C., advised that [redacted] had written a letter to Sheriff BEBBER on 9/30/82, stating that [redacted] and wanted to be interviewed regarding the matter. Sheriff BEBBER further advised that he received a second letter from [redacted] dated 11/7/82, at which time he stated the information in the previous letter was made up and he just wanted to come home for Christmas.

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- \*17. Indices: (check one)  negative  positive (if positive explain in body of report/LHM)

Remarks/Administrative

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TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
- Facsimile
- \_\_\_\_\_

PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- UNCLAS E F T O
- UNCLAS

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Synopsis of Complaint (continued):

Further investigation to refute allegations by [redacted] indicated that the information provided by [redacted] on 5/19/83 was probably made up.

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In view of information determined from the investigation, no further investigation being conducted by the Charlotte Division and this matter is being closed.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Transmitted \_\_\_\_\_ (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ (Time) Per \_\_\_\_\_



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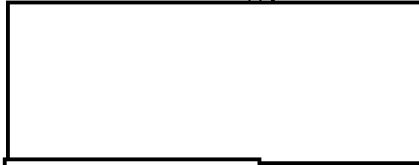
Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. CE 44A-4155

Charlotte, North Carolina

July 20, 1983

VIRGIL GRIFFIN;  
EDWARD DAWSON;



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[Redacted] (PHONETIC);  
UNKNOWN VICTIMS, MEMBERS  
OF KU KLUX KLAN,  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CIVIL RIGHTS

On March 25, 1983, District Attorney [Redacted]  
Newton, North Carolina, made available a letter sent to him by  
one [Redacted] an inmate [Redacted] North Carolina  
Department of Correction, [Redacted] North Carolina, in which  
[Redacted] referred to three killings of the Ku Klux Klan members in  
North Carolina during 1975 and 1976, committed by other Ku Klux  
Klan members. This letter alleged the killings were done by  
[Redacted] and VIRGIL GRIFFIN. The victims  
were allegedly Klansmen suspected of being Federal Bureau of  
Investigation (FBI) informants who received a Klan trial and were  
executed by the Klan.

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On June 6, 1983, District Attorney [redacted] Former Special Agent, FBI, advised that he does not know [redacted] however, [redacted] is familiar with the serious crime for which [redacted] was convicted. [redacted] advised that he had no personal knowledge of [redacted] activities with the Ku Klux Klan and [redacted] name did not surface during any Klan activities while he was a Special Agent with the FBI stationed at [redacted] North Carolina.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 6/14/83

Sheriff TOM BEBBER, Alexander County Sheriff's Office, Taylorsville, North Carolina, advised that he is familiar with [redacted] BEBBER advised that before Christmas of 1982 he received a letter from [redacted] alleging that [redacted] North Carolina, in [redacted] BEBBER advised that after receiving the letter from [redacted] he traveled to [redacted] North Carolina, and there interviewed [redacted] regarding the matter. BEBBER advised that after taking a statement from [redacted] he returned to Alexander County in order to investigate [redacted]

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[redacted] BEBBER advised that [redacted] claimed to have [redacted] BEBBER advised that while his investigation was continuing [redacted] received a letter from [redacted] stating that he had lied about the incident. BEBBER advised he subsequently received a letter from [redacted] stating that he had lied to the Sheriff and that he just wanted to come home for Christmas.

Sheriff BEBBER advised that he checked with Georgia where [redacted] as well as for a 1971 Ford automobile that was allegedly parked [redacted] and both proved negative. BEBBER further advised that no unidentified [redacted] and totally discounted the story. BEBBER further advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] North Carolina, and [redacted] North Carolina. Sheriff BEBBER advised that he feels [redacted] committed by [redacted] and the recent publicity given to the Ku Klux Klan proposed trial in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, have weighed heavily on [redacted] mind and caused the recent letter. BEBBER advised that [redacted] admitted being a member of the Ku Klux Klan in his previous interview.

Investigation on 6/6/83 at Taylorsville, N. C. File # CE 44A-4155

by SA [redacted] :JNR Date dictated 6/10/83

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VIRGIL GRIFFIN;  
EDWARD DAWSON;



[REDACTED] (PHONETIC);  
UNKNOWN VICTIMS, MEMBERS  
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NORTH CAROLINA

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On June 24, 1983, Sheriff TOM E. BEBBER, Alexander  
County Sheriff's Office, Taylorsville, North Carolina, made  
available a copy of the Sheriff's report regarding [REDACTED]  
and letters that he received dated September 30, 1982, and  
October 6, 1982, and November 7, 1982, as follows:

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Thomas F. Bebbler - Sheriff  
ALEXANDER CO. SHERIFF'S DEPT.  
TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. 28681

Sheriff T.E. Bebbler received a letter from [redacted] dated Sept. 30, 1982 stating that [redacted] and would like for him to come down and talk to him about it. On 10/05/82 Det. [redacted] and Sheriff Bebbler went to [redacted] and interviewed [redacted] reference the letter that Sheriff Bebbler received on Sept. 30, 1982. See Attached statement of [redacted]

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Sheriff Bebbler received another letter dated Oct. 6, 1982. [redacted] stated that to the best of his memory that the statement he had given us before was all that he could remember about it.

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On 10/13/82 Det. [redacted] contacted Georgia Bureau of Investigation and they advised that they had sent out a teletype nine days prior to the 13th. And had received no response at this time.

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Sheriff Bebbler received another letter dated 11/07/82, Mr. [redacted] stated in this letter that he had made this all up. That he just wanted to be home for Christmas.

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Thomas E. Bebbler - Sheriff  
ALEXANDER CO. SHERIFF'S DEPT.  
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Statement of: [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] stated to reporting officer and Sheriff T.E. Bebbler that in April

[redacted] he [redacted] She was

[redacted]

[redacted] stated [redacted]

[redacted] stated [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stated [redacted]

[redacted]

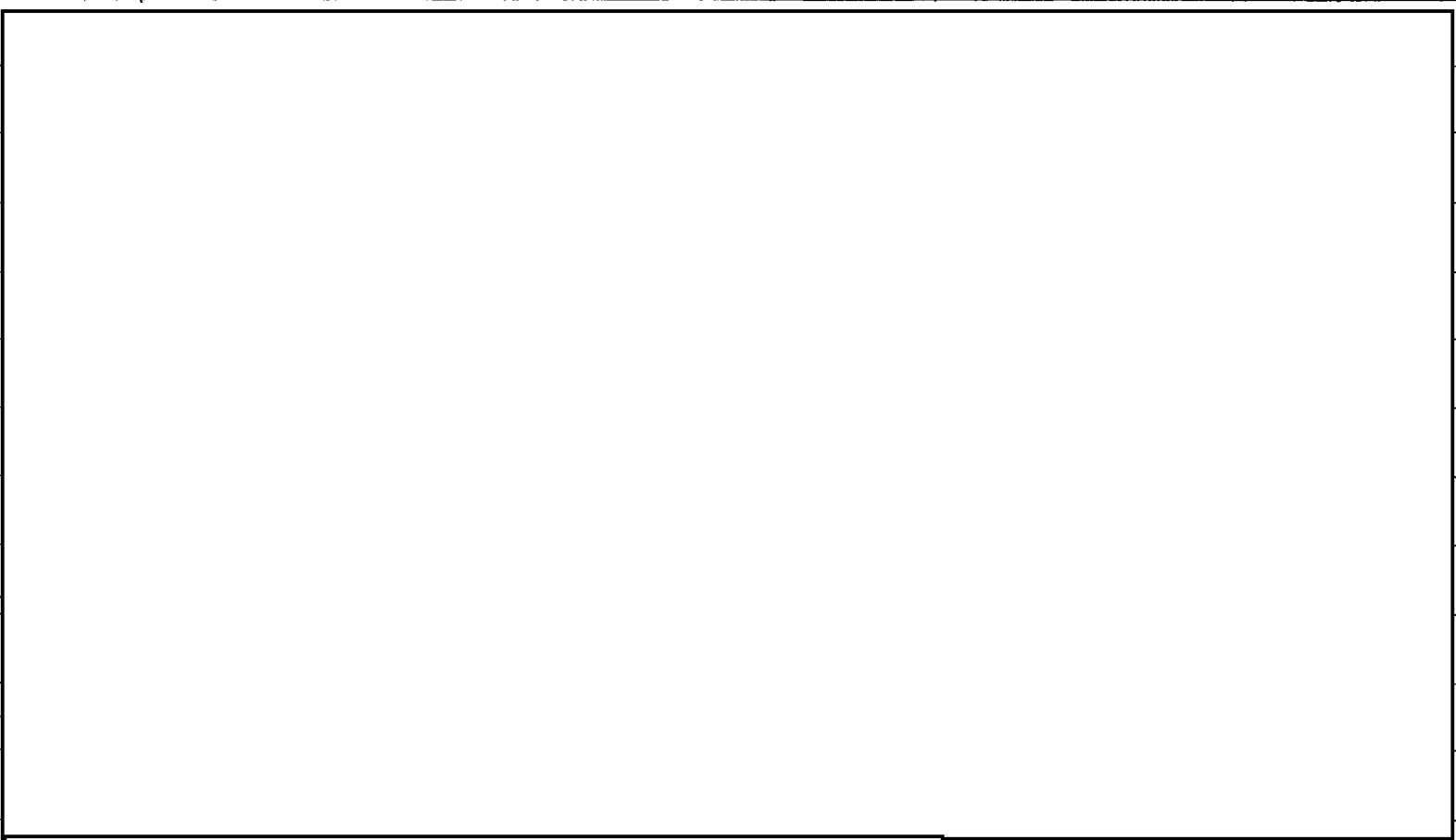
[redacted]

[redacted]

Sept 30, 1982

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Hope to see

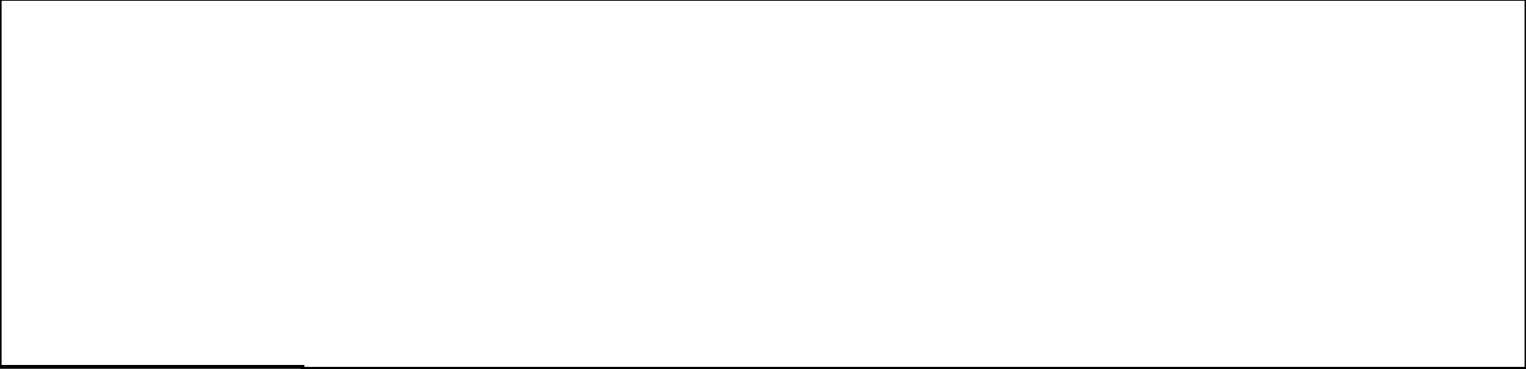
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B.M. 9/30/82  
R.C. 9/30/82

Oct. 6, 1982

Tom

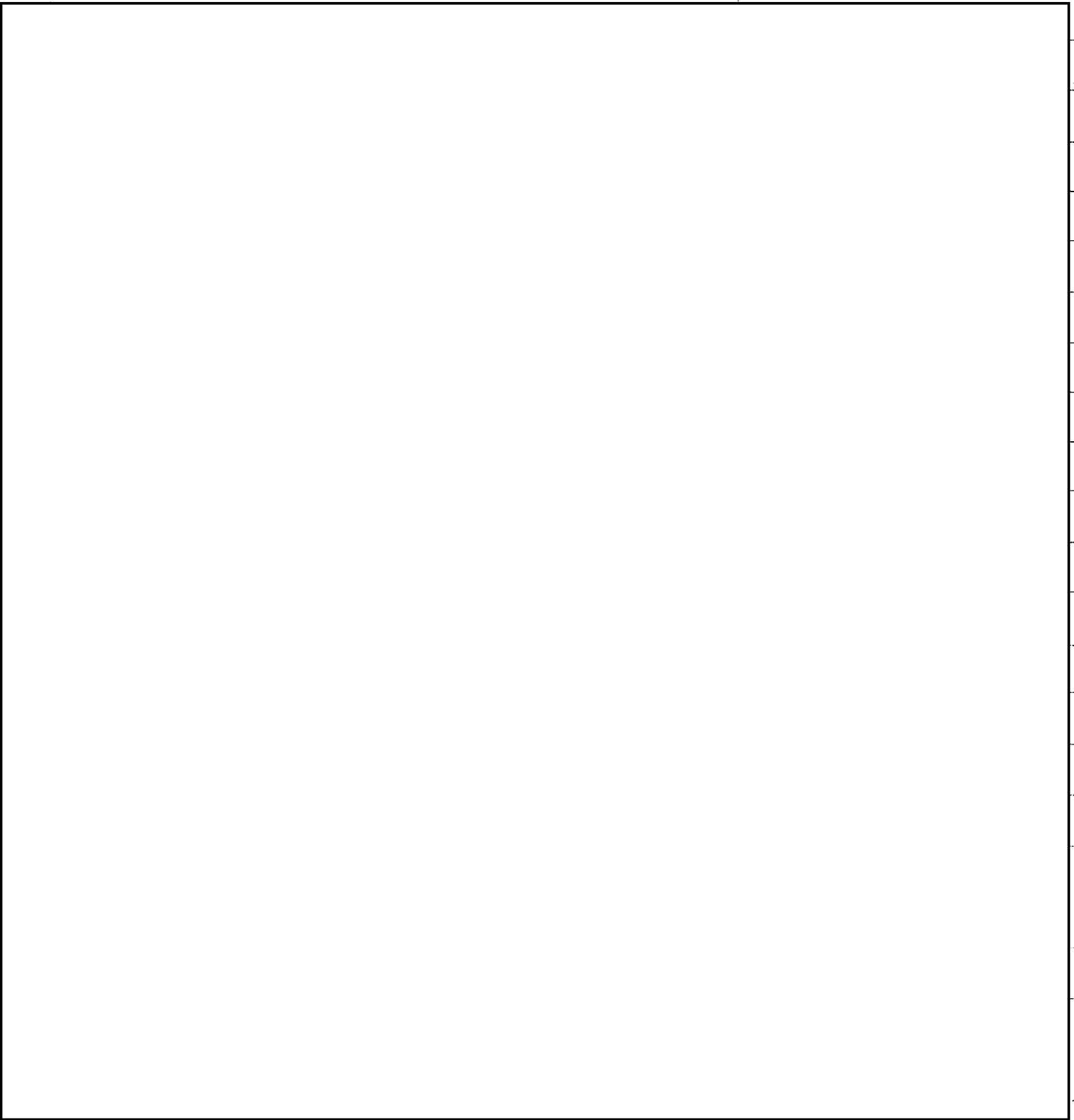


That's all I remember.



Nov. 7, 1982

Dear Tom,



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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on June 21, 1983:

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Sheriff JOHN STOCKARD, Alamance County Sheriff's Office, Graham, North Carolina, advised that during the late 1960's and early 1970's, he was very familiar with the Graham Klavern of the United Klans of America. Sheriff STOCKARD advised that the Graham Unit leased some property approximately five - eight miles south of Graham, North Carolina in Alamance County which contained a small building in which the Unit used for their meetings. In addition, the Sheriff advised that there was a small fishing pond on this property. Sheriff STOCKARD advised that he had excellent informant coverage in this Unit during the years it was in operation and at no time did he ever possess any knowledge of a murder taking place at the Klavern Hall or in any way connected with the Graham Klavern. In addition, Sheriff STOCKARD advised that the Graham Unit ceased to exist in approximately 1972-1973 and certainly was not in existence in 1975.

[REDACTED] Intelligence Division, Greensboro Police Department, Greensboro, North Carolina, advised that his department was familiar with Klan activities in the Greensboro, North Carolina area during the 1960's and early 1970's and at no time did any of the department's informants provide information that any Klan killing or execution took place. [REDACTED] advised that even though there were several individuals in the Greensboro, North Carolina area, the Klan never did have very strong Units in Greensboro, North Carolina that were ever very active. [REDACTED] advised that the Greensboro Klan Units ceased to exist after the early 1970's and certainly no Klan Unit was ever active in 1975.

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VIRGIL GRIFFIN;  
EDWARD DAWSON;

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PHONETIC);  
UNKNOWN VICTIMS, MEMBERS  
OF KU KLUX KLAN,  
NORTH CAROLINA

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On June 27, 1983, Special Agent [REDACTED] North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), 422 Blount Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, advised that he had interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] North Carolina Department of Correction, [REDACTED] North Carolina. [REDACTED] advised he would discuss the interview; however, would be unable to furnish a copy of his interview and report prior to checking with his superiors.

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On June 27, 1983, Supervisor [REDACTED] Capital District, SBI, Raleigh, North Carolina, advised that he had checked with Headquarters regarding furnishing the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] concerning his interview with [REDACTED] and was told that the approval of the Director of the SBI was needed in order to furnish a copy. [REDACTED] advised his agency, SBI, would require a letter from the head of the Charlotte Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation requesting the report directed to the Director of the SBI, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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[REDACTED] advised, however, that the SBI would cooperate in any way and discuss the matter, but it was simply that this was the longstanding policy regarding copies of reports.

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On June 27, 1983, Special Agent [REDACTED] supra, advised after discussion that [REDACTED] was interviewed May 3, 1983, [REDACTED] North Carolina Department of Correction, [REDACTED] North Carolina. [REDACTED] described three murders, allegedly by the Ku Klux Klan, the first of which mentioned was in Graham, North Carolina, on 80 acres of property surrounded by a chain link fence thought to be owned by the Ku Klux Klan. [REDACTED] did not give the name of the victim in this case. [REDACTED] also indicated a murder had been committed by the Ku Klux Klan at Greensboro, North Carolina, at a warehouse near EDDIE DAWSON's home in the east end of Greensboro, and the victim was thereafter taken approximately one mile from the warehouse and buried in a field. There was no name given by [REDACTED] for this victim. The third murder described by [REDACTED] supposedly took place [REDACTED] North Carolina, at [REDACTED] and the victim was [REDACTED]

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VIRGIL GRIFFIN;  
EDWARD DAWSON;



[REDACTED] (PHONETIC);  
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allegedly buried at Tail Race in the Henry River Community.  
[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] gave the name [REDACTED] of Morganton,  
North Carolina, as being the victim in this case. [REDACTED] advised  
that [REDACTED] interview was tape recorded and [REDACTED] consented  
to polygraph; however, when the SBI returned to polygraph [REDACTED]  
he refused when he was told that anything he said could be used  
against him. [REDACTED] further advised that the SBI had checked on a  
[REDACTED] as being a possible victim at [REDACTED] North  
Carolina, with negative results. [REDACTED] further advised that the  
SBI, through local law enforcement, had developed no information  
whatsoever that any individuals were missing from the Apex,  
Graham, or Greensboro, North Carolina, areas.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at the Elbert Ivey Memorial Library, Hickory, North Carolina:

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On July 14, 1983, Special Agent [redacted] reviewed the microfilm tapes of the Hickory Daily Record, Hickory, North Carolina, for the period May 16, 1976, through September 2, 1976. During the period reviewed, the newspaper did not contain any information regarding a man missing from the Morganton, North Carolina, area, and no photographs appeared regarding this matter.

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Notice of File Closing  
CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER

Date

13 JAN 1989

To

From

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

JPT/AD

James P. Turner, Acting  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

Reference is made to your field office file captioned as on  
the attached closing form and numbered CE 44A-4155.

This matter has been closed as of the date on the attached form.

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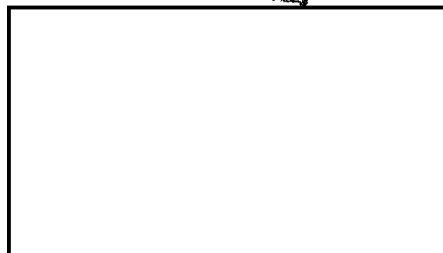
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Unk. Victims; GreensboroNC

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